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ABSTRACT

A cabinet for a home appliance is provided. The cabinet includes a sectioned lid which is hinged at its center to facilitate its opening in a limited amount of space. Each section of the lid is formed by an inner panel facing an interior of the cabinet, and a contoured outer panel which forms an external surface of the lid. At least one reinforcing rib extends from an inner surface of the outer panel, and is coupled to a corresponding boss provided on an inner surface of the inner panel so as to couple the inner and outer panels. The boss has a substantially flat surface such that it forms a right angle with the at least one reinforcing rib when the inner and outer panels are assembled, thus providing a more secure, reliable sectioned lid.